

## Alameda County Coroner's Bureau Gregory J. Ahern, Sheriff/Coroner 2901 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 (510) 382-3000

# **Coroner Investigator's Report**

CALL INFO	NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE)				TENTATIVE I	UNIDENTIFIED	CASE NUMBI		
	STREICHER, Bryan Todd REPORTED BY REPORTED BY PHONE				2014-01848 REPORTING AGENCY REFERENCE NUMBER				
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	Cause D						3,00	Interval	
	Other Significant Conditions	None							
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INCIDENT									
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) COUNTY			DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT					
	INVESTIGATING AGE				NCY PHONE NUMBE	R	OFFICER		
	Alameda County Sheriff's Office-ETS 5106673646			R. SLAUGHTER					
	NEPTUNE SOCIETY				BODY RELEASE TO FUNERAL HOME ON 6/25/2014 1450				
	Full Autopsy Pa	rtial Autopsy Ins	pection Record Rev	view Inspe	ction w/Specimen	PAUL W.	HERRMANN		



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#### **Investigator Narrative**

**Decedent:** 

STREICHER, Bryan Todd

Case Number:

2014-01848

Investigator:

Mandy Monaghan

#### **First Call Information:**

On Monday, June 23, 2014, about 2248 hours, I (MONAGHAN) received a telephone call from Sheriff Technician R. COWAN, who informed me that a in custody inmate had just died. Technician COWAN told me that Bryan STREICHER (PFN: had been housed in Housing Unit 35. About 2205 hours, Deputy SLAUGHTER informed CP-1 of a "Man-down" and requested a nurse to respond. Shortly thereafter there was a request for a "code-3" ambulance. Alameda County Fire and Paramedics Plus responded. STEICHER was moved to the ambulance (which was parked in the medium yard), where death was determined at 2244 hours. Technician COWAN told me that they are not treating this case as suspicious and ETS would not be responding to conduct an investigation. Due to the ambulance being parked inside the medium yard at the jail, and security concerns I told COWAN the ambulance could be moved to the employee parking lot.

About 2345 hours, I received a telephone call from Lieutenant R. CARTER, who told me that the ambulance was in the employee parking lot and he was in the process of collecting copies of STREICHER's medical records and property. I informed Lieutenant CARTER that I would be in route to Santa Rita Jail to conduct an investigation. (MLM2794)



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Med	ıcaı	Sum	ma	rv:

According to Corizon medical records, Bryan STREICHER had a history of

STREICHER also

STREICHER had not

On 06/23/2014, about 2200 hours, STREICHER was on a top bunk, when he began gasping for air. The responding nurse and several inmates assisted in moving STREICHER to the ground. STREICHER was nonresponsive and continued gasping for air. Alameda County Fire and Paramedics Plus responded. STREICHER's blood pressure was While providing him care, STREICHER became pulseless and apneic; CPR was initiated. STREICHER was placed on a gurney and moved to back of the ambulance where paramedics continued their life saving efforts before determining death at 2044 hours. (MLM2794)

#### **Description of the Death/Injury Scene:**

Bryan STREICHER was in custody at Santa Rita Jail. He was housed in Housing Unit 35 as a minimum security inmate. Housing Unit 35 is a dorm like setting with multiple bunk-beds in each pod. STREICHER was lying on the top bunk in lower A-Pod when he became unresponsive. STREICHER was placed in the back of the ambulance but death was determined before the ambulance left the jail. The ambulance had been parked in the minimum security side yard. (MLM2794)

#### **Body Identification:**



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On Tuesday, June 24, 2014, about 0130 hours, I (MONAGHAN) compared the decedent to Bryan STREICHER's Alameda County Sheriff's Office arrest photo (PFN: and was able to make a positive identification. (MLM2794)
On Wednesday, June 24, 2014 about 2256 hours, CIB faxed a Fingerprint Comparison letter to the Coroner's Bureau indicating a positive identification to PFN (Person File Number) (CEF1691)
Next of Kin Investigation:
On Tuesday, June 24, 2014, about 0330 hours, I (MONAGHAN) called Twin Cities Police Dispatch and requested they attempt a death notification at
About 0410 hours, I received a telephone call from who told me a Twin Cities Police Officer had informed her of her son, Bryan STREICHER's death. divorced and had an 8 year old daughter named information on she hung up the phone. (MLM2794)
On Tuesday, June 24, 2014, about 0615 hours, Deputy GONZALEZ at Santa Rita called and told me (FRAZIER) that a woman called at about 0445 hours inquiring about STREICHER's release date. The woman identified herself as and she said she and STREICHER have a child in common. No information was released at the jail regarding the death. And they did not ask the name of the child but they did get contact information.
On Tuesday, June 24, 2014, about 0625 hours, I (FRAZIER) called to verify her relationship. told me she is the mother and guardian of STREICHER's daughter told me that



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she was informed of the death by STREICHER's mother I explained the Coroner's involvement and I entered her information into CME. (CEF1691)
Other Agency Reports:
Alameda County Sheriff's Office (Santa Rita Jail) report # 14-010903 written by Deputy R. SLAUGHTER. (MLM2794)
I reviewed a copy of Deputy SLAUGHTER's report. On 06/23/2014, about 2210 hours, Deputy SLAUGHTER was notified of a "man down" in lower A-pod. SLAUGHTER responded with the housing unit nurse. STREICHER was unresponsive. With the help of several inmates STREICHER was moved to the floor. Deputy SLAUGHTER requested a "code 3" medical response. STREICHER was given oxygen and had a pulse at that time. About 2220 hours, fire and Paramedics Plus arrived on scene and began CPR. STREICHER was moved to the ambulance but despite life saving efforts death was pronounced. A copy of the report was placed in the case file. (MLM2794)
Property and Evidence:
Coroner receipt # 34896 was issued for the body and property. Property included: Sand miscellaneous papers. A copy of the receipt was provided to Lieutenant R. CARTER. (MLM2794)
On 06/25/2014, STREICHER's property was released to (MLM2794)

**Coroners Fees:** 



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Coroner fees, including body removal (\$254) and bo	dy preparation (\$67) apply to this case. On
06/24/2014, I (MONAGHAN) spoke with	she was extremely distraught and as a
result I did not notify her of the fees at that time. (N	VILIVI2794)

On 09/17/2014, the Coroner Fees associated with this case were paid in full by Neptune Society. (MLM2794)

#### Other Investigative Details/ Supplemental Information:

On Tuesday, June 24, 2014, about 0050 hours, Deputy A. VALENTINE and I (MONAGHAN) arrived at Santa Rita Jail. The ambulance was parked to the rear of jail in the employee parking lot. We met with Sergeant SOUZA, Sergeant GONZALGO, and Paramedics J. BARTLETT and J. LEWIS. I spoke with J. BARTLETT, who told me that when they arrived STREICHER was non-responsive and had agonal breathing. His blood pressure was moments before he became pulse less and apneic. As a result they began CPR. STREICHER was moved to the back of the ambulance and after working on him for 20 minutes, STREICHER met the criteria for them to determine death.

I examined STREICHER who was still in the back of the ambulance. He appeared to be obese; he was fully clothed lying supine on a gurney. I did not see any trauma to his body. Rigor was present in his jaw and lividity was present but not set. Deputy A. VALENTINE took several photos of STREICHER in the back of the Ambulance.

Paramedics BARTLETT and LEWIS removed STREICHER from the back of the ambulance and assisted us in moving him to a Coroner gurney. I secured paper bags over STREICHER's hands with zip ties before securing him in the back of the Coroner van.



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I spoke with Sergeant SOUZA who told me that lower A-pod in Housing Unit 35 had already been cleaned up of all medical therapy and that they had not treated it as a crime scene.

We met with Lieutenant R. CARTER who provided me with copies of STREICHER's medical records from Corizon. He also gave me all of STREICHER's property.

I spoke with Deputy R. SLAUGHTER, who told me had been conducting pill call. He recalled speaking to STREICHER briefly; although he did not recall the exact conversation. Deputy SLAUGHTER said it was nothing concerning STREICHER's health. About 20 minutes later, Deputy SLAUGHTER was notified of someone having difficulty breathing. Deputy SLAUGHTER responded and recognized the inmate to be STREICHER. STREICHER was on the top bunk, against the cage, his bed was the second bed from the A1 door. STREICHER was lying on his side with his back against the cage. The nurse and several other inmates assisted in moving STREICHER to the floor. Deputy SLAUGHTER informed me that STREICHER only received medication in the mornings.

Before leaving I provided Lieutenant R. CARTER a copy of the Coroner receipt.

About 0200 hours, we arrived back at the Coroner's Bureau. I processed the body into the morgue and took intake photos of him. (MLM2794)

On 06/25/2014, STREICHER's body was released to Lucas Schumacker from the Neptune Society. (MLM2794)

Findings:



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On Monday, November 11, 2014, about 0115 hours, I (MONAGHAN) reviewed this case for the purpose of establishing a manner of death. Upon reviewing the autopsy protocol, medical records, and incident report associated with this death I find this death to be natural. My findings are based on the cause of death as given by Dr. P. HERRMANN, the Coroner's Pathologist which describes a cause that is natural. (MLM2794)

#### **Supervisor Review:**

On Monday, November 17, 2014, I (Sergeant P. GRAVES) reviewed this report and concur with the finding. I approve this case for closure. (PRG#1660)

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## Gregory J. Ahern, Sheriff

Director of Emergency Services Coroner - Marshal

#### MEMORANDUM

DATE:

June 24, 2014

FROM:

Paul W. Herrmann, M.D.

TO:

Case File 2014-01848

SUBJECT:

AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Autopsy performed upon the body of Bryan Streicher at the Coroner's Bureau, 480 4th Street, Oakland, California, on June 24, 2014, at 8:45 a.m.

#### AUTOPSY FINDINGS

- 1) CARDIOMEGALY WITH LEFT AND RIGHT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY (680 GRAMS).
- 2) ACUTE CONGESTION OF THE LUNGS, LIVER, SPLEEN, AND KIDNEYS.
- 3) MILD ATHEROSCLEROSIS OF THE CORONARY ARTERIES, MULTIFOCAL.
- 4) CONTUSION-ABRASION OF THE FRONTAL SCALP.
- 5) FEMORAL BLOOD SAMPLE:
  A) NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL FOUND.

CAUSE OF DEATH: CARDIAC FAILURE DUE TO HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY.

cc: EMS

District Attorney
Investigations Bureau

1	EXTERNAL	EXAMINATION

- 2 The body is that of an obese adult white male appearing
- 3 consistent with the stated age of 45 years, weighing 310 pounds
- 4 and measuring 70 inches.

#### 5 CLOTHING:

- 6 There is clothing present on the body, consisting of a
- 7 green t-shirt, a pair of khaki boxer-type shorts, and a pair of
- 8 blue trousers with an elasticized waistband. The trousers and
- 9 shorts are pulled down to the area just above the genitalia.
- 10 Received with the body are two gray socks.
- 11 Paper bags are present on the hands.
- There is the following evidence of MEDICAL TREATMENT:
- 1) A plastic airway is present in the mouth.
- 14 2) Two resuscitative electrode pads are adherent to the
- 15 anterior chest.
- 16 3) An identification band is present on the left wrist. It
- 17 shows a picture of the decedent and the name "BRYAN STREICHER."
- 18 4) An infusion needle is present in the left upper leg. It
- 19 is attached to a bag of 0.9% sodium chloride. The needle is
- 20 embedded in the tibia.
- The hair is brown. In some areas it is lighter and gray.
- 22 There are a gray-brown beard and mustache. The irides are light

- 23 brown to gray. The teeth are in good condition. There is
- 24 complete rigidity of the extremities, neck and jaw. Purple
- 25 lividity is present on the back. Lividity is also present in
- 26 the supraclavicular areas, and the entire face shows lividity.
- 27 Bloody fluid has run from the nostrils bilaterally onto the
- 28 face, upward over the eyes and onto the forehead. Some bloody
- 29 fluid has also run from the mouth onto the right side of the
- 30 face.
- There is the following evidence of BLUNT TRAUMA:
- There is an abrasion on the forehead, right at the
- 33 hairline, 3/4 inch to the left of the midline. It is a
- 34 transverse abrasion measuring 3/4 inch in length and 1/4 inch in
- 35 vertical width. No other trauma is seen on the face or head.
- There is no evidence of trauma to the neck.
- The chest and abdomen show no evidence of recent trauma.
- The right upper extremity, including the hand, shows no
- 39 trauma. The fingernails are of moderate length and slightly
- 40 dirty.
- The left upper extremity, including the hand, shows no
- 42 trauma. The fingernails have the same appearance as those on
- 43 the right.
- There is no evidence of trauma to the genitalia.

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## . Body of BRYAN STREICHER

45	The lower extremities show no trauma.
46	There is no evidence of trauma to the back or buttocks.
47	INTERNAL EXAMINATION
48	Y-SHAPED THORACOABDOMINAL AND INTERMASTOIDAL INCISIONS are
49	made.
50	HEAD: There is no evidence of trauma to the scalp. The
51	subcutaneous tissue, galea and skull are unremarkable except for
52	the area of abrasion on the mid-forehead, where there is a 1-1/2
53	inch contusion in the underlying subcutaneous tissue. The gales
54	is not stained. The skull is intact. The meninges show no
55	abnormalities. The external surface of the brain shows diffuse,
56	moderate gyral flattening, and the unci are slightly grooved.
57	The brain weighs 1390 grams. Cut sections of the brain show no
58	internal abnormalities. The vessels of the base of the brain
59	show no abnormalities, and the base of the skull is normal in
50	appearance.
51	NECK ORGANS: The soft tissues of the neck and the cervical
52	spine are unremarkable except that there is slight edema of the
63	aryepiglottic folds and there is what appears to be cyanosis of
54	the tissues of the epiglottis and aryepiglottic area. The
55	laryngeal and tracheal cartilages and hyoid bone are intact.

The thyroid gland is of normal size and unremarkable on cut

- 67 section. The airway is open. There is no gastric material or
- 68 blood present.
- 69 CHEST: There is no evidence of trauma to the chest wall.
- 70 The ribs are intact. The lungs fill the pleural spaces.
- 71 LUNGS: The left lung weighs 680 grams. The right lung
- 72 weighs 720 grams. The pulmonary arteries and bronchi are
- 73 unremarkable. The pulmonary parenchyma is diffusely markedly
- 74 congested, with minimal edema.
- 75 HEART: The pericardial sac contains a small amount of
- 76 clear yellow fluid. The external surface of the heart shows
- 77 marked enlargement, and it weighs 680 grams. The main coronary
- 78 artery shows no abnormalities. The left anterior descending
- 79 branch shows no significant atherosclerosis. The right coronary
- 80 artery approximately 1/2 inch from the ostium shows approxi-
- 81 mately 20% narrowing due to some atherosclerosis. The remainder
- 82 of the vessel is widely patent. The left circumflex branch
- 83 shows an area of approximately 50% narrowing in one small area.
- 84 The remainder of the vessel is unremarkable in appearance. The
- 85 left circumflex and right coronary arteries are equal in size.
- 86 The cardiac chambers show no abnormalities. The left ventricle
- 87 is markedly thickened, measuring 21 to 22 mm throughout. The
- 88 right ventricle is thickened, measuring 6 mm. There is no

- 89 evidence of any scarring, and the ventricles are not dilated.
- 90 The foramen ovale is closed. The valves show no abnormalities.
- 91 The interventricular septum is unremarkable. The descending
- 92 thoracic and abdominal aorta shows very minimal fatty streaking.
- 93 ABDOMEN: The abdominal fat is 4 inches at the umbilicus.
- 94 The organs are in their normal positions.
- 95 LIVER: The liver is enlarged. It weighs 2750 grams. The
- 96 capsular surface is smooth. The parenchyma is acutely
- 97 congested, maroon-brown in color. The gallbladder and
- 98 extrahepatic ducts are unremarkable.
- 99 SPLEEN: The spleen is enlarged. It weighs 420 grams. On
- 100 cut section it is firm and congested.
- 101 PANCREAS: The pancreas is of normal size and retains a
- 102 firm, tan, lobular architecture.
- 103 ADRENAL GLANDS: The adrenals are equal in size. The
- 104 cortices are thin, bright yellow. The medullae are
- 105 unremarkable.
- 106 GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT: The mucosa of the esophagus and
- 107 stomach is unremarkable. The stomach contains approximately
- 108 200 cc of pultaceous food material, within which there are
- 109 particles of brown-green food material. The duodenum and small
- 110 bowel contain bile-stained fluid which is quite thick. The

## Body of BRYAN STREICHER

111	large intestine is unremarkable. The descending colon and
112	rectum contain fecal material.
113	GENITOURINARY TRACT: The kidneys are surrounded by a
114	voluminous amount of retroperitoneal fat and weigh 220 grams
115	each. The capsules strip with slight difficulty, but the
116	cortical surfaces are smooth. The parenchyma is firm and
117	congested. The renal vessels, pelves and ureters are in their
118	normal positions. The urinary bladder contains 150 cc of clear
119	yellow urine. The bladder mucosa is unremarkable. The prostate
120	gland is of normal size and unremarkable on cut section. The
121	testes are palpated in the scrotum. The penis is circumcised.
122	The thoracic spine shows a mild degree of osteoarthritis.
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127 128	Paul W. Herrmann, M.D.
129	PWH/cah



Case Name:

**TOXICOLOGY NUMBER:** 

CVT-14-8171

Streicher,

Bryan

20 ml femoral blood labeled "Streicher, Bryan; 2014-01848; 06/24/2014"

**Specimen Description:** 

Delivered by Tricor

Date 25-Jun-14

Received by Bill Posey

Date <sup>25-Jun-14</sup>

Request:

Complete Drug Screen

Agency Case # 2014-01848

**Requesting Agency** 

Alameda Co. Coroner's Office

Attn: Acct's Payable 480 4th Street

Oakland CA 94607

Report To

Alameda Co. Coroner's Office

Attn: Dr. Herrmann 480 4th Street

Oakland CA 94607

Specimen: Femoral Blood Sample

**RESULTS** 

Complete Drug Screen: No common acidic, neutral or basic drugs detected.

No Ethyl Alcohol detected.

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B.L. POSEY
S.N. KIMBLE
Directors

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July 01, 2014

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